

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, October 18, 1726.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Oct. 11.

Palermo, Sept. 6.

THE Desolation of this City on Account of the Fright of the People, and the irreparable Loss sustained by the late terrible Earthquake is inexpressible. Among other Buildings, &c. overturned and ruined, are the Palaces of the Prince de la Roca, Palambo, and the Dukes de Montalba and Salvago, the Convent of Misericordia, which took Fire about the same Time that we had the Earthquake, the new Church of St. Nicholas de Tolentin, the great Tower of the Cathedral, the Hotel of Giardinazzo, the Palace du Busache, the Foundary, the Gallery of the Dock, the Town-Wall towards the Sea, as far as St. John's, the Works at Port Salzo, Tallow-chandlers street, the Squares before the Jesuie's House, Panheri and Mont-Perperito, and the Milk-market, and about 3000 Persons have been taken out of their Ruins. But the Number of those swallowed up cannot yet be known. This terrible Event was in a Manner foretold the Day before by an Air extremely thick and heavy. Betwixt 5 and 6 in the Evening, a very hot South Wind arose, and soon after a hard Shower of Rain fell, notwithstanding which, the Wind was rather more violent. About an Hour or two after, the Storm seemed somewhat abated, but betwixt nine and ten at Night, the Wind and Rain came on again with Fury, and then it was that we felt the first Shoke of the Earth, which was followed by two others that were more violent.

The most circumstantial, and what seems to be the most authentick Account of this Earthquake that we have yet seen, is what has been printed by Authority at Naples, being the Substance of Letters written by the Praetor and President of Palermo, &c. and sent by a third Hand to the Vice-roy.

The first Letter from the Praetor, being written but two Hours after the Tragical and deplorable Event, only express't in general the great Damage done the Buildings, and the terrible Confusion of the Inhabitants; without descending into Particulars, except that the Princes de la Rocco Palambo,

Mother in Law to the Marquis de St. Marine, perished with her Nephew grasp'd in her Arms.

The second Letter, which he wrote the Day after the Earthquake, speaks of a whole Island of Houses being overturned on the Sea-side, and of infinite Streets of Houses and Shops reduced to Rubbish, so that the Ruins were enough to draw Tears from all Spectators. It adds, that the second Storey of the Duke de Montalba's Palace fell in and crushed the Domesticks to Death; as was also a Centinel of the German Picquet Guard by the Fall of the Front of the Marquis de Rusaca's House; That the Royal Palace fared worse than all, being as it were uninhabitable, the Galleries, Halls, &c. being quite demolished, and the Stair-case laid open, and the great Hall broke through by a Chain which fell upon it of 1200 Weight. He says also, That the Root of the Cathedral was carried away; but observes, that the Religious Houses have not suffered Damage, nor the Garrison, nor the Castle de la Marine, nor that of the Town; and that there is a remarkable Compunction among the People, who shed Torrents of Tears, and continually pour out their Sighs before the B. Virgin, and other Tute-
lar Saints, with Tokens of Repentance, and hearty Prayers to GOD for Mercy.

The Praetor concludes, that so great was the Confusion and Desolation, that he was doing his utmost with the Nobility and Senate to comfort the afflicted Inhabitants, by causing the numerous Houses that threatened to fall, to be propp'd up, and preventing any Wrong that might be done in taking the Dead out of the Ruins, and in sending the Wounded to Hospitals.

The President takes Notice in his Letter, That for 24 Hours after the Earthquake, they had not felt any other; contrary to the Custom of Earthquakes. The President adds, That he had thought fit to reinforce the Guard upon the Prisoners, to hinder them from undertaking any Thing detrimental to the Government and Peace of the People; most of these Prisoners being sorry Rascals, who would stick at no Mischief tho' Heaven should

should come together, and therefore cannot be too the 14th. The Admiral left here a Fregat commanded by the Lord Vere, to wait the Answer of

The Person who sends the above Account to the the Court of Spain to the Dispatches the Admiral Viceroy, adds what he had by private Letters from Palermo, viz. That before the Earthquake a frightful Murmur was heard in the Air, &c. [as in Yesterday's Wye's Letter.]

The single Remark he makes upon the Whole is, That since the Earthquake the People have changed their Manners, being not so dissolute, and far more penitent and humble; That there are Processions every Hour of the Day, at which the Fryars of all Orders go bare-foot with Scourges in their Hands; That the Ladies dress in Mourning, wear Crowns of Thorns on their Heads, and lash their Bodies till the Blood comes. Some will have it, says he, that this Earthquake was purely designed for the Punishment of Palermo; and that in this Instance, GOD has given visible Marks of his Wrath and Vengeance for the Extravagance of its Inhabitants, because no other Part of the Island has suffered.

Petersburg, Sept. 21. The 19th being the Festival of the Blessed Virgin's Nativity, her Imperial Majesty performed her Devotions in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

London, Oct. 11. On Sunday-night last the Phenomenon called *Aurora Borealis*, or *Morning Blush*, frequently seen the Mornings in the Northern Parts of Europe, was observed from this City; which has occasioned various Prognostications among the Vulgar.

Benefit TICKETS drawn on Saturday the 8th, and Monday the 10th, being the 18th and 19th Days.

Num.	Value.	Num.	Value.	Num.	Value
79156	100	72356	100	28356	100
39890	100	53137	100	35636	500
81875	100	74299	100	89076	100
55344	100	33812	100	86178	100
53519	500	24236	100	9342	100

And 302 of 20 L. each

Total drawn from the Beginning, 2783.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 11.

Cadix, Sept. 17. We are informed that two Men of War lately built at S. Andero, which we thought would have come into our Bay, have received Orders to sail directly to the W. Indies; they have on board 600 Dragoons without Horses, Bologno, is to be very short, it being uneasy to him who 'tis said are to be transported to the Havana. The British Squadron under Sir Jo. Jennings weighed Anchor the 10th Inst. before our Bay, and sailed

Madrid, Oct. 1. The King has dismissed Father Bermudas his Confessor, and appointed the Abbot de Mongon, a Native of France, to succeed him. By an Advice-boat which arrived at Cadix the 24th of last Month, we have an Account, that the Flota commanded by Don Antonio Serano got safe into the Havana on the 9th of July last, with a Cargo worth above 15 Millions of Piasters. Letters by the same Advice-boat say, That the 12th of June last, the British Squadron, consisting of 4 Ships of the Line, 4 large, and 4 small Fregats, were seen off Porto Bello; whereupon the Commodore of the Galleons sent on Shore the Treasure, which is more considerable by much than that of the Flota, and caused it to be transported to Cruces, 10 Leagues distant from Porto Bello, there to remain till all the Maritime Forces of that Country can be got together to convey the Galleons safe to Spain.

From the Daily Journal, Octob. 11.

Madrid, Sept. 24. Last Week, the Sieur Molinos under Secretary to the Duke de Riperda, was put under Arrest, and his Papers secured. Count Cossack the Imperial Ambassador intends to make a splendid Entry here next Week.

Hague, Oct. 13. We have a Confirmation of the late Earthquake at Palermo, they add, that since the same the People had begun to be extraordinarily Religious, especially the Women, wearing Crowns of Thorns on their Heads, and Lashing themselves till they drew Blood from their Bodies.

Paris, Oct. 16. Their Majesties have stood God-father and God-mother by Proxy, to the Child of Thomas Arlequin, of the Italian Comedy in this City.

Copenhagen, Oct. 5. The Lord Glenorchy, Envoy Extraordinay from his Britannick Majesty, is declared Plenipotentiary, and is to treat of Affairs of great Consequence.

Rome, Sept. 21. The Differences between this

Court and that of Turin, have been adjusted in a Congregation which was held at Cardinal Cossia's. M. Merlini Paulucci, is appointed to be Nuncio at board of the Court of Turin. The Pretender's Journey to who 'tis said are to be transported to the Havana. The British Squadron under Sir Jo. Jennings weighed Anchor the 10th Inst. before our Bay, and sailed

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Deal, O.F. 8. On the 7th the Rose Min. of War sailed for the Nore. Remain his Majesty's Ships, the Otter, Swift, and Ferret.

State of the LOTTERY.

Chief Prizes put in the Wheel.	Drawn.	Undrawn.
1 of 20000	0	1
2 of 10000	1	1
2 of 5000	1	1
3 of 3000	1	2
5 of 2000	3	2
28 of 1000	13	15
49 of 500	18	31
360 of 100	131	229
8000 Benefits	2783	5217
N. B. the rest of the Benefits are of 20 L. each.		

Wye's Letter, verbatim, October 13.

Since our last arrived two Mails from Flanders, and one from Holland.

THE Advices by the Dutch Mail make no Mention of the Grievances of our Protestant Brethren with respect to their being redressed; but tell us, that the Garrisons of the Polish Frontiers are kept in good Condition, and the Fortifications of several Towns were repairing. And from Grodno, that at the Opening of the Diet there arose great Debates, the Result whereof was not known. Publick Prayers are ordered to be put up there.

But if what has been demanded in Behalf of the Protestants should continue to be disregarded, we may very likely hear in the Spring of the Motion of the Russian Troops, and those of other Protestant Powers, in order to give Weight to the Representations so long ago made on the important Subject above mentioned.

Mean time 'tis remarked, That the Ministers of the Emperor and Czarina are arrived at Grodno, and appear very solicitous for effecting their Negotiations.

The Court of Madrid is said to be daily in Conference upon Matters of high Importance; and that they were upon sending an Ambassador to the Empress of Russia, who has given Orders for building several more new Galleys.

Letters from Rome intimate, That Cardinal de Bentivoglio (Minister of Spain) in a private Conference with the Pope the 21st past, discovered to his Holiness Matters of the last Importance concerning the Affairs of Spain. Some Accounts go so far as to say, that his Catholick Majesty has declared, That in case Admiral Hosier did not soon quit

the Coasts of Porto Bello, he would look upon it as a Breach of Peace.

Some are of Opinion, should a War break out, (which God avert) it will be as general, as Europe was ever engaged. Mean Time we may contemplate our Happiness of having such a Navy, as will make us safe at home, and formidable abroad.

'Tis said the French are storing Magazines for 100,000 Men for eight Months. On the 17th Inst. King Stanislaus came, as we are advised, by the French Mail, incognito to a Country Seat near Fountainbleau, where he is to have an Interview with his Most Christian Majesty.

On the 4th Inst. the Ratifications of the Treaties with the Electors of Bavaria, Cologn, and Palatine, were exchanged at Vienna. There is an Account that Admiral Castagnetta, who was Chief Commander of the Fleet in the Engagements with Sir George Bing (now Lord Torrington) in the Mediterranean, arrived in the Spanish W. Indies, in order to protect and Guard the Trade of their Nation in those Parts.

Our Stocks begin to fall a little: S. Sea, 100, 1 half. Annuities, 96, 3 4ths. India, 139. Bank, 121, 1 half. York Buildings, 11, 7 8ths.

They write from Edinbergh, that Patrick Mitchel, confined in the Castle for the Glasgow Riot, has made his Escape: And that Mr. James Nimmo, one of the present Magistrates of Edinburgh, will succeed Sir William Ker of Greenhead, as Receiver General of the Excise in Scotland.

Fourteen Ships have been driven a considerable Way near Drago in the Sound by the Storm and high Tide, and given over for lost.

This Day came up at Guildhall a Prize of 1000 l. against No. 13279. Undrawn Lottery Tickets, 1. 9. 15 sh.

'Tis a general Expectation, that in a short Time there will be something extraordinary from the W. Indies.

The Duchess of Portland is not yet arrived.

From the Evening Post, O.F. 13.

Rome, Sept. 27. The Chevalier de St. George is making great Preparations for his Journey to Bologna; his two Sons are to set out thither first with their Governors.

Madrid, Sept. 24. Count de Coningsbeck, Extraordinary Ambassador of the Emperor, has greater Interest than ever at our Court. 'Tis given out here, that the Galleons will arrive at Cadix before the



the Conclusion of this Year, under Convoy of 16 Spanish Men of War now in the W. Indies.

Grodno, Oct. 4. There arose Debates at the very Opening of our Diet, of which we do not as yet hear the Consequences. Publick Prayers have been ordered both for the Success of the Diet, and for the Mortality among the Black Cattle.

Vienna, Oct. 5. The Troopers who some Time ago abus'd some of the Servants of the Duke de Richlieu Ambassador of France, have been sentenced to run the Gantlet; but at the Intercession of the said Duke, were pardoned.

Berlin, Oct. 12. The Imperial General Seckendorf appears very frequently at Court, which occasions various Speculations. 'Tis said our Regiments are going to be augmented.

Francfort, Oct. 13. The French do not only reinforce all their Garrisons in Alface, but also bring together so great a Quantity of Provisions as would suffice an Army of 100,000 Men for 8 Months.

Hague, Oct. 17. Letters from divers Parts of the North are full of melancholly Accounts of Losses of Ships occasioned by the late Storms.

P. S. This Day we had a Mail from France,

Paris, Oct. 19. The General Assembly of the Clergy has granted the King a free Gift of 5 Millions, in Consideration of which they are to be exempted from the Tax of 2 per Cent. King Stanislaus will shortly have an Interview with their Majesties at Bavanes.

They write from Madrid that the Abbot de Monzon is not the Person appointed Confessor to his Catholic Majesty, but Father Clark a Scots Jesuite.

Berwy, Sept. 28. This Day came on the Election of our Magistrates, when the Honourable James Alardice of that Ilk, Sheriff Principal of Kincardine, was chosen Provost; John Walker, David Stepple, and Alexander Chaplain, Baillies; William Chaplain, Dean of Guild, and William Lamb, Treasurer.

Glasgow, Oct. 7. Last Week a Royal Commission for visiting the University of Glasgow, sat here, and restored the ancient Rights and Privileges of

the Students in the Election of the Rector, which some Years ago they had been deprived of, and appointed the Election for this Year to be on the 16th of November next. They also made several Laws and Statutes for the Government of the University, which as well as their other Proceedings, having been managed with a strict Regard to the Statutes, and with the greatest Unanimity and Moderation, the Commission have thereby obtained the general Applause of this City and Country, as well as of the Members of the University. At the same Time the University made void, and annulled the Acts, by which some of the Students were expelled for Matters relating to the Defence of their Rights in the Election of a Rector.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

††† That on Saturday the 15th Inst. there was stolen or strayed from the House of Bonhard, about a Mile from Linlithgow, a small Chestnut colour'd Stone Horse, with a little Hatch in his Face, and somewhat Dish-fac'd, with three white Feet, two behind, and the other the near fore Foot, having only one Stone down: As also a large Lead-Gray Horse, short cut tailed, both Horses about ten Years old. Any who shall give Notice of the said Horses to Mr. Alexander Keith Writer in Edinburgh, so as they be got back, shall have a Reward of five Pound for their Pains.

††† That Mr. JAMES CRAIG, Professor of Civil and Canon Law in the University of Edinburgh, opens his Colleges on the Pandects and Institutions of the Roman Law on Tuesday the first of November next at the Place and Hours as formerly.

Fishery Office, Sept. 6, 1726.
The MANAGERS of the Copartnery are to Expose to publick Sale at their Office on Tuesday the EIGHTEENTH of October next, at Three after Noon, at the following low Rates for the Encouragement of Bidders, viz. — One Lot, containing 7 C. 1 Qr. 23 lb. Coils and Pieces of new Ropes, at 25 sh. per Hundred. — One ditto, containing 4 new Herring-Nets, at 3 L. sterl. each Net. — Eight ditto containing 110 undress'd Nets, at 10 sh. sterl. each Net. — Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventory, to be set up at L. 9. 17. 8. sterl. — Ditto, for the Cod-fishing as per Inventory, to be set up at L. 14. 1. 8. sterl. — Ditto for a Barking-house per ditto, to be set up at L. 14. 16. 4.

The above Goods will be shewn at Leith by David Dæs the Copartnery's Agent; and the Inventory and Articles of Rop, at the Copartnery's Office in the Lawn-market.